REMARKS

Docket No.: AREX-P03-004

Summary of Telephone Interview

On November 8, 2005, Applicants participated in a telephone interview with Examiner Nickol. During the interview, Applicants discussed the prior art rejections detailed in the Office Action mailed July 29, 2005 and Applicants' proposed response to the same. Applicants inadvertently failed to provide a summary of this interview in the response filed on November 28, 2005 but do so here for completeness.

Claim Amendments

After entry of this amendment, claims 276-338 will be pending in this application. Claims 113, 117-120, 123, 125, 129-131, 133-135, 137-139, 141-144, 170-174, 180-182, 190-193, 195, 197-204, 206-209, 236, 237, 239, 241-244, 247-251 and 254-278 have been cancelled. Claims 279-338 have been added.

Claims 276-278 were previously found allowable. Claims 279-338 depend from claims 276-278. Support for claims 279-338 can be found throughout the specification (see, e.g., the portions of the specification indicated in the following table), and do not add any new matter to the specification.

Claims:	Support (reference to ¶ numbers in US2002/0048586):
279, 299, 319	Former claim 129 and 191
280, 300, 320	Former claim 130 and 192
281, 301, 321	¶¶ 2, 72, 115
282, 302, 322	Former claims 125 and 187
283, 303, 323	Claims 276-278
284, 304, 324	¶¶ 2, 110, 115
285, 305, 325	¶ 113
286, 306, 326	¶¶ 110, 113, 208
287, 307, 327	¶¶ 113, 209
288, 308, 328	Claims 276-278
289, 309, 329	¶¶ 2, 110, 115
290, 310, 330	Claims 276-278
291, 311, 331	¶¶ 2, 110, 115
292, 312, 332	¶¶ 112, 216
293, 313, 333	Former claim 274
294, 314, 334	¶ 16, Example 17

295, 315, 335	Former claim 239	
296, 316, 336	Former claim 141	
297, 317, 337	Former claim 143	
298, 318, 319	Former claim 144	-

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102 and §103

The Examiner alleges that claims 113, 118-120, 131-135, 137-139, 141-144, 170-174, 180-182, 190, 193, 195, 197-204, 206-209, 236-237, 239, 241-242, 251, 254-261, 263-269 and 271-273 are anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,725,856, as evidenced by Ward *et al.* and Leitzel *et al.* Further, the Examiner alleges that claims 262 and 270 are obvious over U.S. Patent No. 5,725,856.

In order to expedite prosecution of the subject matter that the Examiner has found allowable, Applicants have cancelled the rejected claims, thereby obviating the prior art rejections. Applicants reserve the right to pursue claims directed to the cancelled subject matter in a continuing application.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims in this application are in condition for allowance.

Applicants believe no fees, other than the fee for the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time and the fee for the enclosed Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, are due with this response. However, if additional fees are due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-1945, under Order No. AREX-P03-004.

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